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"CUMORAH"
Ruth May Fox.

Away! Away with your ancient lore,
  We have one Bible, we'll brook no more;
The cannon of scripture is all complete,
  The wisdom of ages lie at our feet;
Since Science has turned her gilded key
  All that has been, all that shall be,
Will swiftly unfold, no need appears
  For new revelation, for prophets or seers.

So said the wise, with a haughty smile,
  While the youthful seer their lips revile;
The meek and lowly saw dreams fulfilled --
  "The Lord is God," every doubt was stilled.

But right is might, 'spite the world's dark frown,
  As ever Truth wears a jeweled crown;
Though viciously hurled from her rightful throne,
  Triumphant she comes into her own.

Behold; ye scoffers! yon sacred mound
  The site of an ancient battle-ground,
Where nations, forgetful of God and man,
  Fought to the death. Their red blood ran
'Til a race was drained; one man alone
  Survived the carnage; with sorrow prone
Moroni buried the records deep,
  With a prayer to God that the earth should keep
Them safe for the remnant of the land,
  Should a few be spared of that stricken band;
That the faith of their fathers, their woes, their pain,
  Might preserve the children from sin's deep stain.

Look once again at Cumorah's hill
  Where the morning beams their radiance spill
On Joseph's face; through the golden light
  He looks on the form of an angel bright,
With the sheen of heaven, who gives him the plates --
  The golden leaves which open the gates
Of mystery. The records teem
  With words prophetic -- a living stream
Concerning this land -- Moroni's land
  Which God preserved with an outstretched hand,
That here His banner might be unfurled
  Which should wave good cheer to a failing world.

The Book goes forth on its shining way
  Nor earth nor hell its power can stay.
An immortal man, a mortal youth
  Ordained to flood the world with truth.

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"AUTHENTICITY OF THE BIBLE"

"We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, as far as it is translated correctly, we also believe the Book of Mormon, to be the Word of God." 8th Article of Faith.

In our July number of the Bulletin, I discussed in a general way that the Latter-day Saints accepted the Bible to be the Word of God and that through the study of the Book of Mormon, and other standard works of the Church, our faith in the Bible is greatly increased, because they give us a much clearer conception of many of its doctrinal truths.

I did not attempt, however, to bring forth any of our reasons for accepting the Bible with the reservation "as far as it is translated correctly", but I trust that the few instances which I may mention in this article may make plain the wisdom of such a reservation. The space at my command does not permit giving great detail or lengthy quotations to demonstrate which passages of scripture portray the need for the reservation, but I will endeavour to point out a few, which to my mind are open for such and when modified are more in harmony with the rest of the Scriptures.

We find recorded in Genesis 2: "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. ÷÷÷÷÷ And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. "

Genesis 3: in the temptation "the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

To accept the face value of the first three chapters of Genesis it would appear as though the wisdom of God had failed and Satan had triumphed and had frustrated His purposes.

This misconception, and teaching, has diverted many souls from a true worship of God, and even students for the ministry declare their non-acceptance of this scripture and despise the story of the Fall.

The writings of Moses as revealed to Joseph Smith clarify these first chapters of Genesis: "And I, the Lord God, took the man, and

put him into the Garden of Eden, to dress it, and to keep it. And I, the Lord God, commanded the man, saying: Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, nevertheless, thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee; but, remember that I forbid it, for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Moses 3:15-17. (Pearl of Great Price)

"And now, behold, if Adam had not transgressed he would not have fallen, but he would have remained in the garden of Eden. And all things which were created must have remained in the same state in which they were after they were created; and they must have remained forever, and had no end. And they would have had no children; wherefore they would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good, for they knew no sin. But behold, all things have been done in the wisdom of him who knoweth all things." 2 Nephi 2:22-24.

"And after many days an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying: Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord? And Adam said unto him: I know not, save the Lord commanded me. And then the angel spake, saying: This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, which is full of grace and truth. Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou doest in the name of the Son, and thou shalt repent and call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore. And in that day the Holy Ghost fell upon Adam, which beareth record of the Father and the Son, saying: I am the Only Begotten of the Father from the beginning, henceforth and forever, that as thou hast fallen thou mayest be redeemed, and all mankind, even as many as will. And in that day Adam blessed God and was filled, and began to prophesy concerning all the families of the earth, saying: Blessed be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened, and in this life I shall have joy, and again in the flesh I shall see God. And Eve, his wife, heard all these things and was glad, saying: Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient. And Adam and Eve blessed the name of God, and they made all things known unto their sons and their daughters." Pearl of Great Price, Moses 5:6-12.

I believe that this fully explains the beauty of what is known as the Fall, and expressed by 2 Nephi 2:25,: "Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy."

Space will only permit one other reference in regard to man being able to see God.

In Exodus 33:11, we read: "And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle."

We do not fully understand how much abridged this record is, but in the same chapter and 18th verse, Moses asked God to show him

his Glory and the Lord answered him according to the 20th to 23rd verses as follows: "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen."

However, it is again recorded in Exodus as follows: "Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink." Exodus 24:9-11.

"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." Isaiah 6:1.

May we not say there were times in the life of Moses when he was unfit to enter into the presence of God, and the following revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith will explain the apparent differences of the scriptures: "And again, verily I say unto you that it is your privilege, and a promise I give unto you that have been ordained unto this ministry, that inasmuch as you strip yourselves from jealousies and fears, and humble yourselves before me, for ye are not sufficiently humble, the veil shall be rent and you shall see me and know that I am -- not with the carnal neither natural mind, but with the spiritual. For no man has seen God at any time in the flesh, except quickened by the Spirit of God. Neither can any natural man abide the presence of God, neither after the carnal mind. Ye are not able to abide the presence of God now, neither the ministering of angels; wherefore, continue in patience until ye are perfected. Let not your minds turn back; and when ye are worthy, in mine own due time, ye shall see and know that which was conferred upon you by the hands of my servant Joseph Smith, Jun. Amen." Doctrine and Covenants, Section 67: 10-14.

It is indeed a joy to the Latter-day Saints to know that they are no longer required to walk in doubt in regard to the glorious Plan of Salvation, for the Bible is again made plain through the inspired words taught in the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price.

----Samuel Martin----

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"Wherefore, ye need not suppose that I and my father are the only ones that have testified, and also taught them. Wherefore, if ye shall be obedient to the commandments, and endure to the end, ye shall be saved at the last day." 1 Nephi 22:31. (Book of Mormon)

"KEEP ACTIVE"

The Prophet Lehi in explaining the purpose and meaning of life, stated: "Men are that they might have joy." What does it mean to have a fullness of joy?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints teaches that life here as well as in the hereafter should be full of joy. Therefore we may say that "daily joy should be the portion of all Latter-day Saints". Happiness is the rightful heritage of those who love and accept truth.

How can the Latter-day Saints receive this fulness of joy which has been promised to them? This joy will come to them through constant participation in the activities of the Church. Activity will bring to them interest, and interest will bring to them a useful and contented life. It is true that a glimpse of the beauty of the Gospel of Christ will bring some joy; but, this is only a passing thrill compared to the joy that is possible through daily active and direct association with this great Latter day work. By having this active interest it will fill the souls of all Saints with unspeakable joy.

The members of the Church of Jesus Christ have every opportunity possible to keep an active interest. The organizations of the Church are means of activity for every member. Through the regular attendance at Sacrament Meetings the saints receive rich spiritual refreshment. These meetings will give the added strength needed to perform the work which they will be called to do in any walk of life. The auxiliary organizations of the Church give to its members the needed intellectual and recreational enjoyment. The beauty of it is the fact that they receive this enjoyment under spiritual guidance which brightens and cheers every act.

The brethren holding the Holy Priesthood are called upon to conduct meetings, to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They also have many other duties, all of which keep them active and give them joy. This also offers the brethren vast opportunities for growth and self development.

The Relief Society organization does the same for the Sisters; in fact, it is one of the purposes of this splendid organization. The Sisters who take an active part in this wonderful organization will receive that fulness of joy which they are desirous of receiving. One must only read of the work that is being accomplished by the Relief Society and then they will be able to realize how the members of this great women's organization receive such great joy.

The above are but few of the opportunities that the Latter-day Saints have in which they may be kept active and by which they may receive great joy. This Latter-day message is to all the world. Every member of the Church should help to meet this sacred obligation which is placed upon the Church. Each member should be a missionary and tell their neighbours of the Restoration of the Gospel. The joy which

will come to them by doing this cannot be expressed in words.

There is always an open field for service among Latter-day Saints that they might be kept active and develop joy. There are kind words and deeds to be given the distressed in body or mind. The weak in faith need encouragment and teaching; those in sorrow need comfort. When there is contention it should be replaced with brotherly understanding.

These things bring to Latter-day Saints the joy which we are placed here on earth to receive. It is through taking advantages of all these opportunities that are afforded us in the Church of Jesus Christ that we are able to grow in spiritual power and receive joy in doing our daily work.

The officers of the Church should not wait until they are commanded for every service, but they should of their own free will and choice do many things which appertain to their calling in this great latter-day work; by doing so they will grow in faith and happiness, but if they remain inactive they will become discontented with themselves and others.

Let us be active in the work of the Lord. He has thus commanded us through His prophet,as follows: "For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward. Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward. But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned." Doctrine and Covenants 58:26-29. ---Elder Leroy H. Duncan---
District President, Bloemfontein.

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"GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY"

How glorious and wonderful were the "Tidings of Great Joy" which the Angel brought to the sheperds in the field watching their flocks by night. And the heavenly host, with triumphant songs of delight, acknowledged the announcement of the birth of the Saviour and sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Amid the mournful cries of many honest souls for a light and knowledge of the truth, goes forth the issue: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." But the thirsty and hungry are not satisfied, and their souls continue to rebel against the doctrines and commandments of men.

I fully appreciate the position in which these people find themselves, for God has given unto me sufficient knowledge to know

that "the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life," and that "man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The Apostle Paul, perhaps the greatest of all missionaries and truly a servant of our Lord, had been given power from on high to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While at Corinth on one occasion, Paul wrote an Epistle to the Romans because of differences which had arisen amongst them, and he said: "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are in Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:15-16. And again in the 15th Chapter, 29th Verse: "And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ."

What, then, does Paul mean by the "Gospel of Christ"? Can he mean "Glad Tidings of Great Joy", the same as that declared by the Angels of Heaven?

Let us for a moment forget our mundane affairs and reflect upon the time when we, with all the sons of God, were sitting in a great council with the Father of our Spirits, who presented unto us the wonderful plan which he had prepared for our eternal welfare and happiness.

But Satan, who was from the beginning, went before God saying: "Behold, here am I, send me, I will be thy son, and I will redeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost, and surely I will do it; wherefore give me thine honour."

However, the Beloved Son, who had been chosen from the beginning, had undoubtedly been lead to see the gloriousness and importance of the Father's plan, for He said: "Father, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever."

As the Chosen One was appointed to become the redeemer of the world, many of the noble and great spirits accepted the plan with songs of gladness, and Job tells us that "the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy."

Satan, not satisfied with God's decision, became the father of lies and began to deceive and blind men so that many rejected the plan of eternal progression and fought against God.

John, on the isle of Patmos, saw in vision the great war in heaven: "Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye

that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:7-12.

So now has come salvation, strength, the kingdom of our God, and the power of Christ.

Was the Gospel, then, only taught by the Saviour when he came to earth? No, for Paul in some of his Epistles clearly shows that the Saviour was a restorer, who reestablished the Gospel in the meridian of time. "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the Gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." Galatians 3:7-9.

And then again in Hebrews the fourth chapter, verse two: "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."

I believe that the Scriptures clearly show that the people had the Gospel until the time of Moses, but that from then until the coming of Christ they lived under the Mosaic Law, a system preparatory to the Restoration in the meridian of time.

As Christ then accepted the plan of the Father in the council in Heaven, he came to earth to do the will of the Father and not his own, and he told the people that his doctrine was not his, but the Father's who had sent him.

What then did Christ teach the people? He laid down the foundation principle of Faith which would lead one to Repentance. Then that we might know that we had gained remission of our sins through the waters of Baptism, he promised us a Comforter, the Holy Ghost, which would give us the courage and blessing to go on to eternal life.

That all might know of this doctrine, Christ organized his Church, "and set some in the Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers," and then others as conditions called for them. Paul tells us in Ephesians the fourth chapter, that Christ gave us all these things "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the fiath, and of the knowledge of the Son of God."

The Gospel embraces all truth and has a universal application. Not only is it to be taken to every nation, kindred tongue and people on this earth, but to those, also, who have passed beyond, "For for this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." 1st Peter 4:6.

Not only will all mankind hear the Gospel of Christ but they shall also be judged by it. "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my Gospel." Romans 2.

As prophets foretold, there has been a falling away and men and women have run to and fro searching in vain for the word of God; until, now in this the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times the Gospel, the Glad Tidings of Great Joy, have been revealed by the Angel of the Lord, and acknowledged by heavenly beings who have once more restored unto man the obligation to preach the Word of God.

God said to Ezekial: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou has delivered thy soul." Ezek. 33:7-9.

Paul realized this responsibility for he said: "For though I preach the Gospel, I having nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel! "

This same responsibility, yea privilege, is given to us in this day. If you have not this realization of your responsibilities study the Doctrine and Covenants and thereby will you find that you are called to embark upon the service of the Lord.

Let us all hearken unto the Gospel message that we might not remain strangers and foreigners, but become as the Apostle said, "fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God".

"Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation, no longer as strangers on earth need we roam, Good Tidings are sounding to us and each nation, and shortly the hour of redemption will come."

-----Theodore R. Martin-----

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"LOCAL MISSIONARY WORK"

On Sunday, August 12th, President Samuel Martin called a special meeting of the Priesthood of the Mowbray Branch, and earnestly laid before them the great obligation which rested upon them to assist in the great work of spreading the Gospel, and proposed that an energetic local missionary organization be effected to carry on the work of the Lord.

Calling upon every member present to renew his covenants with the Lord, to live and keep every commandment of the Lord in all sincerity and humbleness, that his life would be examplary whether in the home, street or workshop, and put forth an effort to carry the word of the Lord to his neighbour. Every member raised his hand with him to more humbly and earnestly dedicate themselves to the work of the Lord, and the meeting was adjourned until Thursday evening, August 16th, when all came together again.

At this meeting President Martin laid before them the general

outline of the work, and asked who should be their leader.

Brother George Kehl proposed the name of Brother Kenneth Sutherland and several hands were raised to second the motion. All unanimously promised to sustain Brother Sutherland in this calling.

President Martin called several of the brethren to assist him and he set Brother Sutherland apart to this important office.

Branch President Thomas Wilson very earnestly called upon all present to come forth for any duty which the Priesthood required of them, declaring his own readiness and willingness to do all in his power, whether in the homes of the people or at the street corner to assist in this great latter-day work.

Brother Sutherland spoke with much feeling and said he felt that he had fallen short in many ways, but he now dedicated himself with a strong determination to the work of the Lord and asked all to assist him.

President Martin gave the following instructions for their guidance, but reminded them that the Servants of God were always expected to act under the guidance and influence of His Spirit.

AIM: It is desired that the constant thought be: the salvation of the people which can only be accomplished by teaching them the Gospel doctrines of Jesus Christ and their humble obedience to them as they become known. It is our duty to teach that God has spoken from the heavens and restored the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ again, choosing Joseph Smith as His prophet for the Restoration, that we may all come to the unity of the faith. It is our duty to distribute freely the printed word as contained in the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price; also the testimonies of the Servants of God has printed so freely in Church literature.

ORGANIZATION: The Missionary Organization is to be just as individual in its activities as is the Sunday School, Relief Society or Mutuals, and should be sponsored and encouraged with the most loyal and prayerful support of the Branch Presidency, but not in any way dictated or restricted by them. The Missionary work should be done in very close co-operation with the District President.

"For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward. Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward. But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned. Who am I that made man, saith the Lord, that will hold him guiltless that obeys not my commandments? Who am I, saith the Lord, that have promised and have not fulfilled? I command and men obey not; I revoke and they receive not the blessing. Then they say in their hearts: This is not the work of the Lord, for his prom-

ises are not fulfilled. But wo unto such, for their reward lurketh beneath, and not from above." Doctrine and Covenants 58:26-33.

METHODS: One of the Local Brethren is to act as President or Leader to direct the activities of the local brethren and sisters with the assistance of a Secretary and Treasurer. Meet weekly and formulate the activities contemplated for the following week: such as to where Cottage or Open Air Meetings have been previously arranged; when and where Tracting shall be done --- and the brethren and sisters paired off for such duties. It should be the objective of the Leader of the local Missionary work to develop his workers: by encouraging deep and prayerful study of the doctrines of the Church; by giving each one in turn, as they become able, the privilege of conducting Cottage and Street Meetings, also to take the lead in home conversations with investigators. He who is the head, to become the leader, must be indeed the servant of all, seeking their advancement to the Glory of God's work.

FINANCING AND RECORDING ACTIVITIES: It should be the pleasure of all its members to contribute to its needs in time and funds.

The Secretary and Treasurer should collect a small amount each month to pay for their tracts distributed. A proper Record should be kept of the hours spent in Tracting, the number of meetings held, the number of books sold, and the number of Tracts distributed.

This Record should be reported to the Branch Presidency and a copy given to the Mission Secretary monthly.

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District Conferences.

The following is an outline of Mission President Samuel Martin contemplated semi-annual tour of the South African Mission:

LEAVE		ARRIVE	
Cape Town	Aug. 23.	Kimberley	Aug. 25.
Kimberley	Aug. 30.	Bloemfontein	Aug. 30.
Bloemfontein	Sept. 7.	Johannesburg	Sept. 7.
Johannesburg	Oct. 4.	Durban	Oct. 5.
Durban	Oct. 11.	East London	Oct. 12.
East London	Oct. 18.	Port Elizabeth	Oct. 20.
Port Elizabeth	Oct. 31.	Cape Town	Nov. 2.

It is expected that each District President will arrange his Conference and visits to correspond with the above dates.

T. R. M., Mission Secretary.

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"Cease to be idle; cease to be unclean; cease to find fault one with another; cease to sleep longer than is needful; retire to thy bed early, that ye may not be weary; arise early, that your bodies and your minds may be invigorated." D. & C. 88:124; 42:41; 90:18.

"MISSION NEWS"

"Cumorah", Mowbray.

This past month has been a very busy one for the Cape District. On the 27th of July, District President Foyal L. Smith and Elder Theodore R. Martin of the Mission Office, paid a very successful visit to the Saints in Moorreesburg, where they held a Cottage Meeting and spent the week end.

On August 16th, a Local Missionary Organization was organized with Brother Kenneth Sutherland as President. Since that time they have passed out many tracts, held Gospel Conversations, and held several successful Cottage Meetings.

Thursday, August 23rd, Mission President Samuel Martin left here on his fifth tour of the Mission.

All the Auxiliary Organizations are working nicely and there is usually a good attendance at all the meetings.

We extend our best wishes to all other Districts and we hope that each will have a successful Conference. --- R. Earl Madsen ---
District Clerk.

"Ramah", Johannesburg.

The Transvaal District is thankful to their Heavenly Father for his bounteous blessings to them during the past month.

The tracting work has been showing fruits and several homes have been opened to the visits of the Elders. At the present time tracting is being carried on in Brixton and Bezuidenhout Valley.

The visits among the Investigators have been profitable and much interest is manifested by them. We are all looking forward to the visit of President Samuel Martin.

District President Reed H. Beckstead and Elder O. Layton Alldredge spent from August 20th to 24th at Pretoria. The visits among the Saints and Friends were very enjoyable and it is hoped much good was derived from the same.

We regret to report the death of Brother Simpson Henderson. His death, caused by pneumonia, occured August 24th. The Funeral was held Sunday, August 26th. Remarks on death and resurection were made at the graveside, Brixton Cemetery, by President R. H. Beckstead. The Graveside Prayer was offered by Elder O. Layton Alldredge. Bro. Henderson had a strong testimony and was faithful to the end.
--Elder O. Layton Alldredge, Dist. Clerk--

Port Elizabeth District.

We are thankful unto our Heavenly Father for the work which has been accomplished in the past month.

On August 4th, we held our Bazaar which was fairly successful, and we feel that our efforts were blessed by the Lord.

We spent an enjoyable day, August 4th, with some of the investigators.

We opened our new tracting field on August 14th, and it is

proving very successful. Many Books of Mormon are being distributed and homes have also been opened to our message.

We extend our kindest wishes throughout the South African Mission. ----Elder A. Edward Hughes, District Clerk----

Bloemfontein District.

The Elders of the Bloemfontein District report a very successful month's labours. They have tracted a good portion of Bloemfontein and Tempe and hope by the end of the year to have many persons interested in the Gospel.

On the 7th of August, a M.I.A. Social was held at the home of Brother and Sister Clarence Spear; It was enjoyed by all present.

During the month, Bro. and Sr. Hubert and family arrived from Johannesburg and are now busy in getting their new home together.

On the 26th of August, Elder Bertram J. Glynn left Bloemfontein for Kimberley, where he attended the Kimberley District Conference. ---Elder Bertram J. Glynn, Dist. Clerk---

Kimberley District.

The Elders feel to rejoice over the past months labours in this District, and we truly feel that the Lord has blessed us in our work. A new tracting field has been opened in Neuton, in which place we hope to leave many Books of Mormon.

During the month the Elders met a Latter-Day Saint and a friend, both of whom were Artists in the Boswell's Bros. Circus which was in Kimberley at that time.

At 5:40 A.M. on Saturday, August 25th, President Samuel Martin arrived in Kimberley on his fifth tour of the Mission.

On the same day, Elder Bertram J. Glynn of the Bloemfontein District arrived here for Conference.

Conference was held on Sunday August 26th. It was very successful and a source of great strength to all.

A special Sacrament and Testimony meeting was held in the afternoon and the spirit of the Lord was deeply felt by all. Many bore their testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel.

President Samuel Martin and Elder George C. Maw were the speakers at the Evening Services. President Martin delivered an interesting sermon on the Restoration of the Gospel and asked the people to honour God and the living Prophet, as well as the ancient prophets.

Conference has been a great help to this District, we are now going forth with a renewed spirit and determination to put a Book of Mormon in to every Christian home.

Extending Greetings to all readers of the Bulletin, we remain your Kimberley Brethren. ---Elder George C. Maw, District Clerk.---

Natal District.

We are thankful for the opportunity we have of reporting another successful month's labours in this District. Both in our tracting and visiting, we have been able to inform many new people of the

wonderful truths which "Mormonism" teaches.

We have been busy preparing for Conference which will be held on the 7th of October. All the Saints and Friends are looking forward to President Martin's visit here.

Some very interesting studies have been taken up in our Sunday School classes and those who have been attending are receiving much good therefrom. We have also had much success with our regular Sunday Evening Services, the attendance has been splendid.

----Elder Rex C. Ellsworth, Dist. Clerk---

East London District.

"OUR BRANCH"

It takes a heap o' workin' in a branch t' make it right;
A heap uv sun an' shadder and ye certainly have t' fight.
It don't make any difference how good ye get t' be
How many Books uv Mormon sold, how great yer luxury.
Some-how it don't become a branch till yu've Saints an' Friends,
Till yu've opened th' heart o' enemies so the Gospel inward wends.

East London is our little branch, it's growin' day an' night,
We've used th' local brethren an' the've helped t' put things right.
Our Sunday School is growin' an'we enjoy it 'tis true,
For th' kiddies an' th' parents, try their best always to do.
Our evening meetings are a joy; their like a paradice,
Tis there our new made friends have come an' lost their prejudice.

The Relief Society's growin' an' thru th' work they wade,
An' we'd be pleased t' show yu th' fine things that they have made.
They're workin' on rag carpets an' other things galore,
An' they even go a-visitin' t' soothe a heart thets sore.
This work's a-knittin' us together an' it's makin' us all one,
An' afore we'll have disunion here, we'll make ol' Satan run.

To cheer our hearts, to make things right, to chase away dismay,
We all went on a Picnic, an' twas out t' Bonza Bay.
Th' day was good, th' lunch was fine an' everyone was bright.
'Though we had flat tyres, we fixed 'em up, an' all got home alright.
O th' joy that we're a having in this branch a-way out here,
'Tis all that we could ask for t' keep our hearts brim full o' cheer.

Now we're sellin' Books uv Mormon an' we're tracting on th' street,
Uv th' Gospel we're a-talkin' to every person thet we meet.
We know th' Lord's a-blessing us, by Him we try t' stand.
We urge yu all t' try th' scheme, ask He'll understand!
President Evans and his companion, Elder Ellsworth send their love,
May the Lord's most choice of blessings rest upon yu from above.

---Elder Ray Wm. Ellsworth, District Clerk---

"Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." ---Proverb 16:20.

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MISSIONARY LABOURS FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31st 1928.

CAPE	Misc.	TRCT.	VIS. INV.	VIS. STS.	ATG. MTG.	STDY	Total	HRS. G.C.	No.INV. VIS	B.ofM. DIS	TRACTS & PAMPH.
F.L. Smith	59	47.5	77.5	47.5	60.5	42	334	64	95	7	682
R.E. Madsen	72.5	49.5	63	45	60	45	335	66	73	5	457
TRANSVAAL											
R.H. Beckstead	88	25	58	68.5	51	56.5	347	62	55	5	223
W.B. Holland	64	35	54.5	60	45	46.5	305	49.5	59	1	139
O.L. Alldredge	64	30.5	41.5	59	50.5	62	307.5	39.5	35	8	179
B.C. Cutforth	56	38	62	61.5	52	63	332.5	42	58		117
PORT ELIZABETH											
S.R. Free	76	24.5	92.5	54.5	44	78	369.5	66	110	12	254
A.E. Hughes	70	24.5	58.5	42.5	44.5	55.5	295.5	42.5	72	2	379
BLOEMFONTEIN											
L.H. Duncan	61	36.5	51.5	57.5	53.5	61	321	71.5	44	4	821
B.J. Glynn	74.5	37.5	51	53	53.5	59.5	329	53	44	4	690
KIMBERLEY											
C.W. Larson	61.5	32	45	58	46	49.5	292	55	52	4	174
G.C. Maw	51	30	43	56	46	47	273	57.5	53	2	273
NATAL											
O.N. Beckstead	57	30	119	67	36	66	375	82	74	2	144
R.C. Ellsworth	57	30	111	62	36	78	374	96	83	2	52
EAST LONDON											
W.L. Evans	61	46	80	78	48	66	379	75	28	35	1906
R.W. Ellsworth	46	49	78	71	48	68	360	67	45	20	1874
DISTRICT AVERAGES											
Cape	65.7	48.5	70.3	46.2	60.3	43.5	334.5	65	84	6	569.5
Transvaal	68	32.1	54	62.2	49.7	57	323	48.3	51.8	3.5	164.5
Port Elizabeth	73	24.5	75.5	48.5	44.2	66.8	332.5	54.3	91	7	316.5
Bloemfontein	67.7	37	51.3	55.2	53.5	60.3	325	62.3	44	4	755.5
Kimberley	56.2	31	44	57	46	48.3	282.5	56.3	52.5	3	223.5
Natal	57	30	115	64.5	36	72	374.5	89	78.5	2	83
East London	53.5	47.5	79	74.5	48	67	369.5	76	36.5	27.5	1890
MISSION AVERAGE	63	35.8	69.9	58.3	48.2	59.3	334.5	64.5	62.6	7.6	571.8

MEETINGS HELD: Cape 65. Transvaal 69. Port Elizabeth 50. Bloemfontein 56.
Kimberley 43. Natal 38. East London 41.

BAPTISMS: Cape 3.

CHILDREN BLESSED: East London 1.

THEODORE R. MARTIN
Mission Secretary.